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For: sealing gasket with flexible stopper

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Applicant submits that the disclose references do not disclose a flexible inner sealing portion combined with a longitudinally flexible outer stopper portion, as claimed.

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